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NAIROBI FOR PERM REP TO UNEP

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SUBJECT: DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE

REFERENCE: NAIROBI 9352

1. AUGUST 4 MEETING OF COUNTRY PERM REPS APPEARS TIMELY
AND USEFUL VEHICLE TO OBTAIN INSIGHT INTO INTERESTS AND
CONCERNS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS PLANS/EXPECTATIONS
OF TOLBA, TOWNLEY AND OTHER CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS. DEPART-
MENT ANXIOUS TO IDENTIFY KEY SUBJECTS, ISSUES AND PROPO-
SALS LIKELY TO BE ADDRESSED BY INDIVIDUAL WESTERN AND
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EASTERN BLOC MEMBERS AND G-77 NATIONS. ANY INTELLIGENCE
AVAILABLE ON POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT POLITICAL OR POLITI-
CIZING ISSUES ESPECIALLY VALUABLE. ALSO REQUEST INFORMA-
TION ON TOTAL NUMBER, SIZES AND LEVELS OF DELEGATIONS
EXPECTED.

2. U.S. PERM REP MAY INDICATE USG PLANS TO SEND 15-20

MEMBER DELEGATION HEADED BY UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR, JAMES A. JOSEPH. THOUGH NOT YET OFFICIAL, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROBABLY BE AMBASSADOR NANCY RAWLS (VICE CHAIRPERSON); CHARLES WARREN, CHAIRMAN, CEQ; AND SAM BROWN, DIRECTOR, ACTION. FINAL DELEGATION LIST WILL FOLLOW ASAP.

3. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS PERM REP SHOULD RAISE:

- (A) RE PROPOSED DESERTIFICATION UNIT IN UNEP, HOW MANY STAFF WOULD BE INVOLVED AND WHAT ARE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS?

- (B) RE PROPOSED ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ECB, WHAT MIGHT COMPOSITION BE AND HOW WOULD IT RELATE TO EXISTING ADVISORY COUNCILS TO INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS, FOR EXAMPLE? (ANY DETAILS ON ABOVE TWO INSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN FORMULATING OUR POSITIONS).

- (C) HOW DOES TOLBA ENVISION RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROPOSALS FOR NEW DESERTIFICATION MONITORING PROGRAM AND EARTHWATCH/GEMS? COULD SUCH A PROGRAM GO FORWARD AS DEMONSTRATION EFFORT WITHIN GEMS?

- (D) ACTION PLAN CALLS FOR LARGE NUMBER OF NEW ARID
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LA;DS CENTERS, DEMONSTRATION FARMS, ETC IN SECTION ON "IMMEDIATE INITIAL ACTIONS." HOW DOES TOLBA SEE DISCUSSION OF THIS PROCEEDING; AND WHAT ARE HIS EXPECTATIONS ON HOW MUCH CONFERENCE CAN AGREE TO WITH RESPECT TO NUMBERS, LOCATIONS AND FINANCING OF THESE INSTITUTIONS?

- (E) WHAT DOES TOLBA SEE AS SCENARIO FOR FOLLOW-UP OF CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS BEYOND IMMEDIATE POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP IN NORTHERN KENYA?

(F) WHAT, SPECIFICALLY, DOES TOLBA EXPECT/DESIRE OF THE U.S. AT THE CONFERENCE? (THIS COULD BE RAISED PRIVATELY). VANCE

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